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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Frank Press

The attached was returned in the President's outbox today and is forwarded to you for appropriate handling.

Rick Hutcheson

cc: The Vice President
Hamilton Jordan
Zbig Brzezinski
Phil Wise
Fran Voorde

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DELEGATION
TO CHINA

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TAB A
S&T DELEGATION

Frank Press	Science and Technology Adviser to the President
Robert Frosch	Administrator, NASA
Richard Atkinson	Director, NSF
John Deutch	Director, Office of Energy Research, DOE
Jordan Baruch	Assistant Secretary of Commerce for R&D
Rupert Cutler	Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for R&D
Henry Menard	Director, US Geological Survey
Ruth Davis	Deputy Undersecretary for Research, DOD..(tentative)
Don Frederickson	Director, NIH

(Plus several advisers from NSC, DOS and OSTP)

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MEMORANDUM TO: THE PRESIDENT
FROM : Frank Press *fp*
SUBJECT : Science and Technology Delegation to China

The Chinese have accepted with evident interest our proposal, made at your suggestion, that I lead a delegation of senior government science and technology officials. (Proposed delegation at Tab A.) This is the highest level delegation of S&T officials the US has ever sent abroad. During the visit, now scheduled for July 7-10, I will meet with China's top science personnel and members of the delegation will meet their counterparts. Our goals are to:

- o establish contacts between senior S&T officials of both governments
- o initiate cooperative projects of mutual benefit
- o offer to help China in developing its civil sector technology through commercial, university, and governmental cooperation
- o achieve at an appropriate future time a broad S&T agreement

We will propose cooperation in a number of specific areas, implementation of which would involve joint projects, exchange of data, coordinated R&D, and training programs:

Satellite Cooperation (Landsat, Seasat, weather satellite, access to shuttle launch)

Germ Plasma Exchange (plant materials used in genetic research)

Biological Control of Agricultural Pests (Chinese potential to help us is high)

Energy Resource Research (prospecting for coal, oil, gas, uranium, thorium, on-shore, off-shore)

High Energy Physics (a high priority area for the Chinese, a field in which they need training and equipment)

Earthquake Prediction (Chinese have a great need to predict and are technically strong)

Molecular Biology/Recombinant DNA (An area of interest to the Chinese to develop new crop forms not requiring fertilization)

Public Health (epidemiology of chronic disease, childhood immunization cancer)

I am working with Zbig, Cy and the agencies in preparing for this trip.

Would you like to see me for a few minutes to provide final instructions?

Yes ☒

Not necessary ☐

I do not want you to go as Santa Claus. Be sure exchanges are equitable & mutually beneficial - J

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